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MACHINE COVERING)

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Sir:

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified on the attached form PTO-SB08a. Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be made of record in the present application.

A copy of each non-US Patent document cited in the attached PTO- SB08a form is enclosed.

A concise statement of any non-English document having an English abstract is contained in such abstract, which is incorporated herein by reference.

DE 23 61 711 discloses in claim 1 that felt, in particular paper-making machine felt, marked by a layer of textile fibers and a basic fabric, that is practically stretch-free in longitudinal direction fabric and the fiber layer of a flexible body are connected, with the fiber layer and that basic fabric.

EP 0 464 258 discloses a felt, in particular a paper machine felt for the press section of a paper machine, has at least one carrier web and at least one fiber web applied thereto and joined thereto. To ensure that such a felt has improved running properties in spite of adequate transverse stability and can be manufactured at considerably lower costs, the carrier webs is or are each formed from at least one carrier web strip, whose width is less than that of the carrier webs and which is or are helically wound continuously, essentially in the direction of running of the felt at right angles thereto. The manufacture is carried out in principle by the following process steps: a) initially, a web of material is produced; b) at least one carrier web strip, whose width is less than that of the finished felt, is fixed to the web of material; c) the web of material is moved in the peripheral direction; d) the build-up of the first carrier web and, if appropriate, further carrier webs takes place by means of a relative motion between the particular carrier web strip and the part, already built up, of the felt,

helically at right angles to the direction of revolution of the web of material; ; e) each carrier web is joined to at least one fiber web.

Attached hereto are the following: International Search Report dated August 1, 2005 for PCT/EP2004/053360 (4 pages); International Preliminary Report on Patentability dated October 3, 2006 for PCT/EP2004/053360 (6 pages); English Translation of Written Opinion of International Searching Authority for PCT/EP2004/053360 (5 pages); Office Action dated November 21, 2006 for European Patent Application No. 04 821 275.7 (3 pages); Office Action dated November 14, 2007 for European Patent Application No. 04 821 275.7 (4 pages); Letter dated December 11, 2008 from Opposer in Opposition Proceeding of EP 1 711 656 (14 pages); Letter dated December 4, 2009 from Opposer in Opposition Proceeding of EP 1 711 656 (20 pages).

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